







Mike Heil photo

From left, Josh Elmore, Ashley Barley and Jessica Hicks take part in ceremonies marking the 48th National Day of Prayer at Granite City Hall Thursday afternoon. Granite Citizens joined people across the nation to pray for the spiritual renewal for the United States and the world. Pastors from four area churches participated, gave speeches and led the gathering in prayer.

## Granite Citizens take part in National Prayer ceremonies

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

The ceremony held Thursday afternoon in the City Hall entrance resembled a church service as men, women, teenagers and children gathered to pray for America's rebirth.

They were taking part in the 48th National Day of Prayer celebration. This year's theme was "Light the Nation with Prayer."

More than 20,000 prayer services were held across the country as millions of Americans flocked to schools, churches and courthouses. The most visible congregation took place at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., where the National Day of Prayer Task Force gathered.

Locally, about 125 people met at City Hall. They

included civic leaders and officials from the police and fire departments.

They listened as the Rev. Gary Motta of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church exclaimed that "the country should return to its roots, which is faith in God and his word."

Motta was one of four preachers who addressed the crowd. The Rev. Kevin Peterson of City Temple Assembly of God echoed Motta and exclaimed that abortion, pornography and gambling are evils of our society. Christians must pray for God's help, he said, to eradicate them.

Paula Hubbard of Granite City said before the event that she was looking forward to it because it involved so many Christians. She sang two inspirational songs about God and country.

"There are people here from different denominations," she said. "They came to lift their

hearts and voices in accord with God, asking him for his blessings so that our nation can once again become morally strong."

Tina Mason, who read several Scripture passages, lives in Granite City but is a member of First Church of God in St. Louis. She said that "no matter how things appear, God is in control and will always be."

Granite City's National Day of Prayer festivities were attended by many young people, including students from Coolidge and Grigsby middle schools.

Coolidge student Crystal Wilson, 14, said she joined with classmates Ashley Barley, 13, Jessica Hicks, 15, and Josh Elmore, 15, to "celebrate Jesus and pray so that the world can become a safer place for all people."

The service lasted about an hour.

## Police Blotter

### Granite City Police

**DRUG CHARGES:** A Madison man is facing drug and other charges after a brief car chase May 1.

Dennis D. Latham, 26, of the 1700 block of Market, Madison, was charged with fleeing police and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. An additional charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance is pending lab results.

A second man, Abraham Thomas, 22, of the 400 block of Jefferson, Brooklyn, was charged with disobeying a lawful command of a police officer.

According to reports, a patrolling officer spotted Latham driving a 1978 Chevrolet Impala in the 1700 block of Madison Avenue. The officer knew Latham was wanted on an outstanding warrant and attempted to pull the vehicle over. Latham allegedly tried to drive away but eventually stopped near Venice-Lincoln Technical Center.

At that point a passenger, later identified as Thomas, got out of the car and fled. Latham was placed under arrest, and a search revealed a pill bottle containing suspected crack cocaine.

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### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT:

A Madison woman was charged after an altercation with Madison Police at Buzz's Tavern, 1224 Madison Ave.

Julie L. Gordon-Rowans, 40, of the 1200 block of Madison Avenue, Madison, was charged with misdemeanor aggravated assault and two counts of resisting arrest, and faces an additional charge of battery.

Police were called to the tavern at about 3:30 p.m. May 2. When they arrived, Gordon-Rowans allegedly was arguing with a bartender and refused to leave. When police attempted to force her out of the building, she allegedly kicked and hit them.

### Madison County Sheriff's Department

**THEFT OVER \$300:** A resident of the first block of Sequoia, Troy, reported that sometime between 6:40 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. April 22,

someone entered a bedroom and took a woman's ring valued at approximately \$800.

**BURGLARY:** A resident of the 5900 block of Sugarloaf Road, Collinsville, reported that sometime between 3:28 p.m. April 26 and noon April 27, someone broke into a garage and took a new riding mower, a 12-inch chain saw and a Weed Eater, with a total estimated value of \$9,000.

**BURGLARY:** A resident of the 2012 block of Fourth Street, Madison, reported that at approximately 9 p.m. April 26, someone scratched the hood and driver's side door of his 1997 Ford Ranger pickup truck and took a St. Louis Blues hockey jersey, a pair of black jeans, an electric razor and a checkbook. An estimated value was not provided.

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## Madison council approves name change

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The controversial renaming of Collinsville Avenue to Wayne Lanter Avenue was approved Tuesday by the Madison City Council.

### MADISON

The council voted 6-1 to approve the action, with Alderman Roselle Williams-Gardner casting the only no vote. Alderman Norris Horton, the most vocal opponent of the move, was absent.

The matter was passed without discussion. Lanter was a Belleville businessman who built his company into a major player in the specialty warehousing and distribution business. He died Feb. 23,

1998. Renaming a street in his honor had been brought up before, but never acted on.

Two weeks ago, a motion to rename the street was tabled after a heated protest by Horton, who said Lanter "had not been sensitive to the city's black residents."

Some of the problems stemmed from disputes with neighbors over signs and road closings near Lanter warehouses in Madison. Other problems related to what Horton had said were hiring and promotion practices in the company under Lanter Co.

The council last week met

as a committee to discuss and debate the issue, and gave tentative approval to renaming the street over the objections of Horton and Williams-Gardner.

The council also approved an ordinance placing fire hydrants at the intersection of Parish and Fourth streets and at the entrance to Gateway National Golf Links.

An agreement to join the Madison County Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Response Team also was approved.

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## Madison council turns bad trash bills over to collector

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The names of Madison property owners whose unpaid garbage fees total

**MADISON** more than \$90,000 will be turned over to a collection agency.

During the City Council's meeting Tuesday, it approved hiring Transworld Systems Inc. to collect the unpaid bills, many of which date back to when the city started collecting residents' garbage in 1993.

Mayor John Hamm said Friday that there are about 200 accounts he plans to hand over. Most bills are about \$250, but several—usually involving landlords with multiple properties—are "quite substantial."

Hamm said the city will pay the company \$8.15 for each account it collects and probably would change its trash collection ordinance to add that fee to the bills.

"Basically, we won't be out anything," he said. "If not, it will cost us about \$2,000 to collect \$90,000."

This is not the first time the city has gone after delinquent trash accounts. Several years ago, the city amassed about \$100,000 worth of unpaid bills, and placed liens on property.

"A lot of people came in and it worked down somewhat, but a lot of people don't pay attention to liens," Hamm said.

The city charges \$9 per month or \$27 per quarter for trash service. The council also approved having Fire Chief Mike Foley seek bids for a

"quick-response" fire truck for use in the city's tax increment financing district. The truck would be a modified one-ton pickup and would carry water and dry chemicals.

Hamm said its primary use would be to put out grass fires in parking lots during race days at Gateway International Raceway.

Because it primarily would be used within the TIF district, the cost could be paid out of TIF funds.

Hamm also noted that inspectors have been busy writing tickets for overgrown weeds and grass.

As of Tuesday, he said, 90 \$50 tickets had been written for grass and weeds more than a foot tall.

The council also approved an ordinance incorporating the state's Gift Ban Act. A letter from the Illinois Municipal League said the city had the choice of either having a state legislative ethics committee hear complaints or setting up its own local ethics committee.

The council approved using the state's committee, which the league recommended.

## Council welcomes back Miller

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

The Granite City Council on Tuesday evening welcomed back former Second Ward Alderman Jim Miller.

**GRANITE CITY** Miller, who previously served

from 1987 to 1995, said before the council meeting that he was glad to see so many familiar faces and was ready for the challenges they lie ahead.

"There will be adjustments made," Miller said. "There will be different representation

than I experienced before, but it's still the same city."

Miller defeated David Partney in the April 13 election to take the Second Ward seat given up by Brian Fuzessary, who did not seek re-election.

Also sworn in Tuesday were Aldermen Bob Page, First Ward; Robert Wofford, Fourth Ward; and Eddie Asadorian and Lurton Pulley, Fifth Ward. All recaptured their seats in the April election.

The seats held by Miller, Page, Wofford and Asadorian all have four-year terms; Pulley's term is for two years.

In other matters, the council passed resolutions for the

demolition or repair of property at 2132 Lee St., 2224 Lincoln Ave., 2720 Edwards St., 731 26th St., 2030 Benton St. and 2123 Benton St.

The council also approved ordinances to establish a handicapped parking space at 2004 12th St. and a no-parking loading zone at 1909 Edison Ave. and to change zoning at 3061 Washington Ave. from residential to C-4 commercial.

Also at the meeting, aldermen unanimously approved \$457,513.83 for expenses in April and \$393,099.38 for payroll.

The council next meets May 18.

## GCHS Student Council members collect funds for cancer research

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

Granite City High School students last month acted out of kindness when they spent a Sunday afternoon collecting money for the American Cancer Society.

**GRANITE CITY** After visiting homes through out Granite City for three

hours, they walked away with \$2,000 for the 15th Annual Residential Crusade for Cancer.

"Students at GCHS have been doing this for years," said Andy Yurko, a social studies teacher at GCHS and chairman of the American Cancer Society's Quad City unit.

"It instills leadership qualities in them and develops character while they collect money for a good service cause."

Students gathered in teams to walk door-to-door in their own neighborhoods. Participants included members of the National Honor Society, Student

Council and the Varsity Club. They not only collect money but also distributed pamphlets about cancer.

Student Council member Jennifer Smiddy, 15, was one of three students to collect along Benton Street. Her team collected about \$100.

"It was a lot of fun for a good cause, and it was a good way to let people know how to prevent cancer," Jennifer said.

The Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society will commemorate Mother's Day with greeting cards urge women to have mammogram exams.

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## Public schools to benefit from plan

By Darryl Howlett  
Staff writer

As part of Gov. George Ryan's proposed "Illinois FIRST" program announced last week, public schools would receive \$2.2 billion each year from the state's school construction fund.

The funding would add to the nearly \$600 million that public schools receive annually from the Illinois State Lottery. Many question the impact that the Lottery provides for public schools. "This year, we provided close to \$600 million," Illinois State Lottery spokeswoman Anne Plohr said. "The entire budget for schools in the state is about \$14 billion. We transfer any profits into the common school fund, then the (General Assembly) allocates the money. We have no control on the specific place the money goes."

Plohr said that since 1985, when the Lottery started providing schools with funding, the average annual allocation has been between \$500 million and \$600 million.

"The profits used to go directly into the general

fund, but since August 1985, the profits have been going into a common school fund."

A breakdown of the \$14.2 billion to public schools includes \$4.8 billion from the state, \$6 billion from local taxes and \$3.4 billion from the federal government. Under Ryan's plan, the \$2.2 billion allocation would expand the school construction fund program, which includes \$1 billion in state resources, combined with \$1 billion in matching funds from local school districts.

Ryan also is proposing \$125 million to be made available for "you-go" projects in districts that can match the state's commitment. State Rep. Gary Hannig, D-Gillespie, said Ryan's new program would benefit the state's public school system. "The Lottery contributes a half-billion dollars to public schools," Hannig said. "It's a good contribution, but it's of a small magnitude in comparison to what taxpayers pay, which is around \$6 billion. As far as that being part of the governor's plan, I approve of the \$2.2 billion. The schools need it."

## Ryan proposal gets mixed reviews

Highway needs are there, but funding mechanism meets criticism

By Darryl Howlett  
Staff writer

State and local politicians will proceed with caution on the possibility of raising annual motor vehicle registration fees for cars and light trucks as part of Gov. George Ryan's "Illinois FIRST" program.

Announced last week, the program would provide \$12 billion to rebuild and expand the state's roads and highways, renovate mass transit systems, repair and enlarge schools and meet the varied needs of local communities.

The program would be funded by increases in several categories, including registration fees, liquor taxes and annual registration fees for owners of large trucks. "I serve as chairman of the (House) Transportation Committee, and obviously our area has great needs and projects that need to be addressed," said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville. "I agree we have the needs, but the question is how do you fund it? We've held several hearings in the state, and at every hearing, (communities) had needs to be addressed — and soon."

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Rep. Jay Hoffman

you have to find a way to pay for it. I would like the issue of making the increase an equitable increase with trucks," Hoffman said.

"I think we have an obligation to look at all of our funding sources, including looking at the issue of why commercial vehicle registrations (commercial trucks) go up only 15 percent when they do more of the damage to the roads than cars, for which registration fees would double. We will try to find a better way."

State Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, said his office telephones were busy throughout the day with callers concerned about the increase in fees.

"Naturally, I think it's a huge increase and too much. I think there will be some negotiation (between the General Assembly and governor). I don't think that

will be the final figures," he said.

"There's been talk among members about lowering the motor vehicle fees and raising the trucking fees."

"This thing is a long way from being a finished product," Davis said. "I can understand people's concern, especially senior citizens and low-income residents."

Other states vary in motor vehicle registration fees, which include a sliding scale.

In Iowa, for example, a person buying a 1999 four-door, four-cylinder Dodge Stratus would pay \$164 through the first five years. In the sixth year, the owner would pay \$126; the seventh and eighth years, \$88; and the ninth year and beyond, \$27.

Factors in Iowa and other states concerning fees include make and model of a car, weight, and in the case of Iowa, paying 40 cents per

hundred pounds of the vehicle, plus 1 percent of manufacturer's list price.

Deanne Barnes, administrative assistant in Hartford, said citizens are concerned about the increase in fees.

"I would suspect that (residents) would not be very happy about the increases. We have a lot of senior citizens in our community, and that's our concern," she said.

Alton Mayor Don Sandig said residents should not think about the increase in registration fees but instead should look forward to more economic development for the Alton area.

Several area residents disagreed with Sandig's logic.

"I already pay enough on my taxes; maybe the state needs to re-budget their money," said Wendy Voigt, 21, of Bethalto. "I'd rather give up my car than to pay \$96. I'd rather drive around the roadways they want to fix to protest."

"I don't like that (increase proposal). That's way too much. The only reason I can see that big of an increase is if politicians are voting themselves a raise," said Steve Grady of Granite City, an owner of two cars.

## Justus honored by bar group

St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl J. Justus is the 1999 recipient of the Law Enforcement Award of the Illinois State Bar Association.

The award was presented April 30 during the annual St. Clair County Bar Association Law Day Breakfast at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville.

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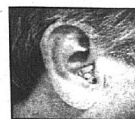
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# Fire at hotel building site gets ATF attention

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

More than a dozen blue-shirted ATF agents and a search dog combed the charred rubble of a hotel building site in Troy Wednesday looking for clues to a possible arson.

Sonny Wilson, the team supervisor for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the investigation may take two

days.

He said the dog was trained in sniffing substances used to accelerate flames but that the team is not ruling anything out or in as far as its investigation.

The fire early Tuesday destroyed the Red Roof Inn under construction in the 2000 block of North Formosa Road, near Interstates 55/70 and Illinois 162.

"We turned around and saw flames shooting 20 feet in the

air. By the time we called 911, we heard the sirens," said Carol Anderson, a waitress at nearby Randy's Restaurant.

"It was gone," she said.

Firefighters from the Troy Fire Department stood by as the rubble continued to smolder Wednesday morning.

Wilson said the investigators carefully search the area, starting from the outside perimeter and working their way into the center.

He said investigators from

all over the Midwest met at the fire scene. The team is working with the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office to determine the cause of the fire.

Investigators using a truck full of cameras and other equipment will report to the fire marshal and local police after their investigation, Wilson said.

The adjacent Ramada Inn Limited under construction a

few yards away was singed by the blaze. Troy Fire Chief James Hampton previously termed the fire at the Red Roof "suspicious" because the building was under construction.

A similar fire destroyed a Ramada Inn Limited under construction at the same site in 1997, but no charges ever were filed in connection with that fire, and it remains under investigation.

## Milestones

Dave Mueller celebrates a birthday today, May 9.

Ashley Krawiecki celebrates a birthday today, May 9.

Lindsey Meglis celebrates a birthday today, May 9.

Arthur Theis celebrates a birthday today, May 9.

Mick and Faye Hillman celebrate their wedding anniversary today, May 9.

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Dorothy Bridick celebrates a birthday May 10.

Jeanne Weidner celebrates a birthday May 10.

Jason and Carla Jackson celebrate their wedding anniversary May 10.

Dave "Sink" Davis celebrates a birthday May 11.

Clarence Ames Smith celebrates a birthday May 11.

Kaye Dover celebrates a birthday May 11.

Amber Nelson celebrates a birthday May 11.

Jennifer Schooley celebrates a birthday May 11.

Emily Modrusic celebrates a birthday May 11.

Joey R. Johnson celebrates a birthday May 12.

Paul McIntyre celebrates a birthday May 12.

Marl Papp celebrates a birthday May 12.

Cindy (Myatt) Doerr celebrates a birthday May 12.

Clyde Walker celebrates a birthday May 13.

JoAnne Arnold celebrates a birthday May 13.

Tim and Norma McKim celebrate their anniversary May 13.

Rachel Elizabeth Parker celebrates a birthday May 14.

Josephine Anthony Doroughazi celebrates a birthday May 14.

Charlotte Sutton celebrates a birthday May 14.

Neva Renkin celebrates a birthday May 15.

Dottie Caffrey celebrates a birthday May 15.

Michael MacClister celebrates a birthday May 15.

Michelle MacClister celebrates a birthday May 15.

Janice Turner celebrates a birthday May 15.

Sharon Robinson celebrates a birthday May 15.

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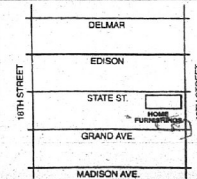
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## Mini Grand Prix set for May 22

The Arthritis Foundation will conduct this year's Mini Grand Prix in conjunction with Creve Coeur Days.

Both events will take place at the Monsanto Solatia campus, Lindbergh and Olive boulevards in Creve Coeur. The Mini Grand Prix is to run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 22. Sponsors of this year's event are KSDK-TV (Channel 5), the Suburban Journals, Gateway Pontiac, Saturn of St. Louis, the Sports Car Club of America and Show World Promotions.

Creve Coeur Days will run May 20 through May 23. Show World Promotions, again will host a car show featuring more than 150 classic cars, antique vehicles and hot rods. The show will be on the east lot, and Creve Coeur Days will be west of the Mini Grand Prix.

Committee members of the Grand Prix and Creve Coeur Days have worked together for the past six months to coordinate activities and also have worked with the Creve Coeur Police Department and police Capt. Don Kayser.

Co-chairmen of the Grand Prix, Robert Pass and Dan Fusz, have brought in more than 33 cars this year, compared to the 21 cars last year when the race was in downtown St. Louis.

MasterCard International took the first-place trophy in 1988 and will be represented again this year.

People interested in volunteering in the pits or for crowd control at the event should call the Arthritis Foundation at 991-9333.

The mission of the foundation is to support research to find a cure for and the prevention of arthritis, and to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

This year's event is expected to raise more than \$150,000 for the eastern Missouri chapter of the foundation.



**Letters to the Editor**  
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## Letters to the editor

### Seat belts crucial for everyone

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Each year, dozens of children die on Illinois roadways simply because they were not wearing seat belts. Car crashes are the leading cause of death to children. Every state has passed mandatory seat belt laws for children, yet six out of 10 children killed in auto-wrecks are unbelted. Hundreds of children will continue to die on our roadways, until the current state law is changed. The evidence is clear: Drivers who do not buckle up, do not buckle up children. A recent study published by the medical journal "Pediatrics" found that driver belt use is the best predictor of child restraint use. When drivers use seat belts, children are three times more likely to be buckled.

Primary enforcement seat belt laws allow police to stop and ticket drivers for not wearing a seat belt, just like any other traffic violation. Currently, 14 states and the District of Columbia have enacted primary enforcement laws. The remaining 36 states allow police to ticket drivers for failure to wear seat belts only after they have been stopped for another traffic violation.

States that have enacted primary enforcement laws have much higher rates of seat belt use. When Louisiana passed a primary enforcement law, child seat belt use in that state increased from 45 percent to 82 percent in just two years. The passage of a primary enforcement law in Illinois is projected to save 210 lives, prevent 6,833 injuries and save \$445 million each year.

These hard statistics persuaded our Midwest neighbors, Indiana and Iowa, to pass prudent, primary enforcement seat belt laws. Our neighbors agree: "Tough seat belt laws work. They reduce traffic fatalities in general, and more specifically, they save the lives of hundreds of children each year."

Those who claim primary enforcement laws deprive motorists of their "personal freedom" should consider the children who die in car crashes every day as a result of their parents' willingness to invoke that "personal freedom."

**MICHAEL J. MADIGAN**  
Speaker of the Illinois House

School uniforms, closed campuses a good idea

### TO THE EDITOR:

First, make school safety a national priority over the Balkans.

Second, it's time for school uniforms, closed campuses and metal detectors.

Third, it's time for parents to be significantly involved and supportive of their local schools.

Fourth, it's time — after due process and conviction — to execute slayers ages 14 and older who randomly murder students on a school campus. These punks need to know that their actions can be fatal — to them.

Fifth, it's time for law enforcement and school leaders to support a school resource officer in the middle schools and high schools throughout the United States.

Sixth, it's time to post the Ten Commandments and bring school prayer back.

Seventh, it's time for law enforcement and school authorities to have the right to share all relevant information on a "need-to-know basis." To heck with unbridled juvenile confidentiality.

**J.W. "SKIP" BENNETT**  
Director  
Southwestern Illinois  
Law Enforcement  
Commission

### No one gains when freedom is repressed

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Charlton Heston raised substantive issues in his Harvard speech. We should have recognized the serious state at which we had arrived when someone was fired for using the term "niggardly." Some of us learned "Cennie meenie monie me" catch a niggard by the toe" when we were children. The crux of that saying was that you hurt a miser by making him pay money. That saying ranked popularly high, as did some of Aesop's fables. It is a part of Americana.

Several years back, Ben Edwards of G. Edwards Co. was criticized for using the term "plain vanilla." The fact that vanilla is a flavor coming from a black bean and not a color meant nothing to those causing an uproar.

How can we promote a free, open, sound and excellent education when the well-educated must subordinate their knowledge to the illiterates among us? Heston also reminds us that no one gains in their liberties or freedom of speech when others are repressed in theirs.

**HELEN LOUISE HERNDON**  
South St. Louis

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## Infrastructure keeps us competitive

Incentive packages also puts Illinois on a level playing field

By Jay Hoffman

The Metro East area has enjoyed a great deal of growth over the past decade. Economic growth requires attention and planning.

There are things we need to do now to attract new businesses and spur economic growth.

Infrastructure is perhaps the most important concern for businesses. In order for manufacturing businesses to succeed, they must have easy access to major highways so they can transport their product to consumers across the country.

In order for service or retail businesses to succeed, consumers need easy access. For these reasons, our roads, bridges and interstates must be safe and accessible.

As the chairman of the Illinois House Transportation Committee, I have been conducting hearings throughout the state to determine the infrastructure needs of Illinois.

After the final hearing, the committee will present Gov. George Ryan a comprehensive list of Illinois' transportation and infrastructure needs.

It is hoped the Governor will then, in cooperation with the General Assembly, create the funding within the state budget for those projects so that industry can

**T**o remain competitive with other states, we must consider offering businesses incentives to locate in Illinois. Currently, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky all have implemented economic development packages that reward businesses that bring jobs to their states.

Another important aspect of the economic development equation is offering incentive opportunities. Illinois has to stay informed of what our border states are doing.

To remain competitive with other states, we must consider offering businesses incentives to locate in Illinois.

Currently, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky all have implemented economic development packages that reward businesses that bring jobs to their states.

In an attempt to level the playing field, I am co-sponsoring legislation that

creates a similar economic development package that would allow Illinois to compete with our neighboring states. Businesses that choose to locate in Illinois and create at least 100 new jobs will be eligible for the incentive package.

This opportunity is good for businesses seeking to locate in Illinois and it will help bring jobs to communities in Illinois.

If you are interested in finding out more about the hearings or the proposed legislation, please feel free to contact me.

My Collinsville office is located at 126 Vandallia, Suite 1 and can be reached at 345-2176.

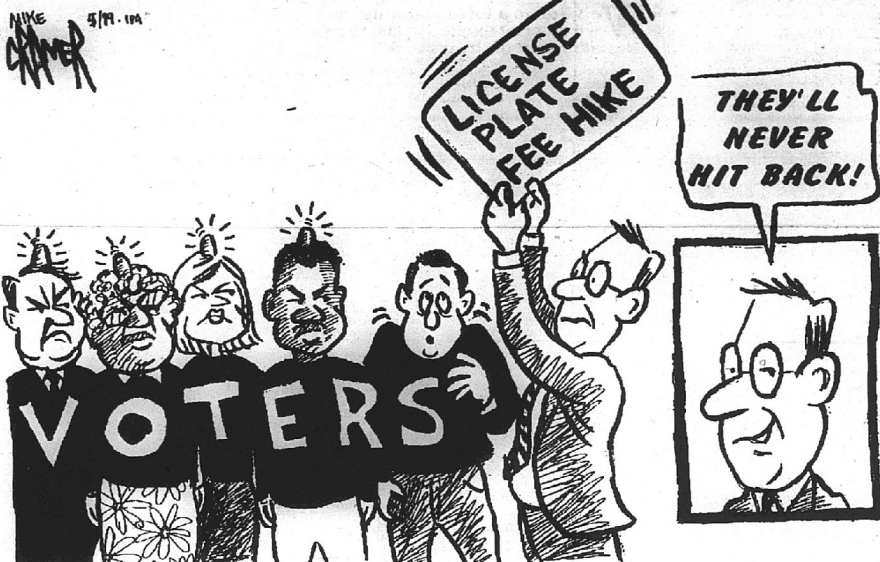
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Our Edwardsville office is located in the Hays-Mallory Community Building at 216 Crane.

Edwardsville office hours are held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Please feel free to contact our office if we can be of assistance on any state matter.

Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, is a state representative from the 111th District.



## Will public back Ryan's proposal?

Politicians try to gauge opinion on massive public works plan

Politicians, as a class, are a lot like dogs. They like to leave marks all over their territories.

But instead of doo-doo, most politicians prefer to plot something more concrete onto the landscape — literally. They love nothing more than to drive down a highway that was widened and repaved because of their efforts or tour a new water plant that they finagled through the appropriations process.

That's not a bad thing. It's good to have a breed of humans around that derives pleasure from making sure public funds are allocated to repair and construct roads, bridges, sewers, mass transportation lines and schools. Of course, there are those who go too far themselves. But somebody is always going too far in one thing or another, so it's to be expected.

In Springfield right now all the talk is about a massive public works program dreamed up by Gov. George Ryan. Billions of dollars will be spent on the state's infrastructure over the next five years. It will be the largest spending plan this century — dwarfing Gov. Jim Thompson's "Build Illinois" program from 1993, which at the time was considered to be enormous.

Illinois has a long history of big-time construction



Rich Miller

programs. Way back in the mid 1800s, state Rep. Abraham Lincoln of Springfield helped muscle through a fantastically expensive infrastructure program financed with lots of debt. The project was wildly popular amongst the populace and newspaper editors and writers. But it literally bankrupted the state treasury for decades afterwards.

These days, Wall Street likes to see an identifiable and dependable revenue stream before a borrowing government can get any money. So a project the size of Gov. Ryan's can't rely on vague projections of growing tax collections. It has to include some tax and fee increase.

And there's the rub. "Tax nightmare" is about the worst nightmare in politics. After 25 years of vocal public dissatisfaction over taxes, there aren't many tax-lovers left in government. Pretty much everyone, Republicans and Democrats alike, is gun-shy about raising taxes and fees. But do they need to

be? Back in 1993, Gov. Thompson raised just about every tax and fee there was. The worst recession in 50 years had starved his budget of revenue at the same time that social spending was skyrocketing. Even though Thompson had promised over and over not to raise taxes during 1992 campaign — which he barely won — he was re-elected in 1996 (although that was the year the LaRouche fanatics crippled the Democratic by Party winning two statewide primary races). None of the state legislators who went along Thompson lost their races in 1994 because of the tax issue. And, remember, 1994 was the Ronald Reagan landslide — the high point of conservatism.

Last year, legislative Republicans and Democrats both tried to use the tax issue to knock the other party out of power. Democrats had voted for Gov. Jim Edgar's proposed income tax hike to fund education, while Republicans mostly voted against it. The bill died in the Senate. A few months later, the Republicans voted for several tax fee increases to fund schools. Lots of Democrats voted against that bill, but it became law.

So, both sides tried to portray the other as tax-loving child haters. Both sides had voted for tax hikes

and "against" schools. They spent millions trashing each other, but not a single elected incumbent lost a legislative race last year.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park) was considered the most vulnerable incumbent in the Illinois House last fall. When McCarthy announced that he opposed Edgar's income tax increase because it wasn't big enough, the Republicans grinned from ear to ear, and they spent a fortune against him. McCarthy won big.

Most of us realize that our infrastructure is starting to crumble. And while we'd rather get something for nothing, we may reluctantly agree to pay a few bucks more a year.

Then again, voters have proven over and over that they can be unpredictable and spiteful. So members of the General Assembly will probably spend several sleepless nights worrying whether Gov. Ryan's fabulously shiny brass ring is connected to a hidden electrical outlet. If history is any guide, they'll vote for the projects and live to tell the story. But it will be great fun to watch them squirm in the meantime.

(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.)

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# On this special day, mothers deserve our special thanks

I keep them hidden in a dresser drawer. Even now, as I reach for them, tears begin to swell in my eyes, there is a lump in my throat and my heart beats faster.

The letters now are quite faded, the envelopes worn, but her precious handwriting is as vibrant and alive as if she was with me here today. My mother sent me letters every day that long-ago summer as I vacationed with a girlfriend and her family in California. Ellen's mom called me and said you arrived OK. "I was a nervous wreck all day. I kept thinking, 'Catherine is out there flying and I am missing her already.'"

Mom wrote to me about the weather and what the family did that day in very little detail. Her letter ended with "You take care, have a good

time and see a lot. I miss you very much. I love you, Mom." The next day another letter arrived. "We miss you, it is so quiet here," she wrote and continued telling me about all the family news. "I can't wait to talk to you. Everyone sends their love and have a wonderful time. Be good. I love you, Mom."

More letters arrived and at last it was time for me to come home. In her last letter she wrote, "It's a week today. I hope you had a good trip, can't wait to see you. I missed you, I love you, Mom."

I read between the lines and remember the countless sacrifices she made for me and my happiness. A true mother's love—how rare, how sacred. Perhaps I never really understood it till now. I guess I never fully comprehended the depths of a mother's genuine

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

love until today as I hold my own precious daughter.

My mother's face was the first one that I recognized, her calming voice told me bedtime stories and her arms were the ones that rocked me to sleep. Though years have passed, I still see her and I will never forget.

This is a very special Mother's Day for me, my first as a new mother. A time to reflect on days past and an opportunity to look to the future with renewed purpose.

Through adversity, mistakes and success, I've learned the worth of many things that are real, just and true. Of all that I've experienced, I thank God and count one of my greatest treasures to be the memories of my dear mother.

A good mother is a dream come true for a child. A mother's love, loyalty and deep caring gives us a strong foundation for a contented and secure life. Behind every great man or woman there is a great mother, for greatness is formed from the cradle. Let us give tribute to the mothers who have cared and

shared the jewels of life's greatest character and brought up their children to know and serve God. We honor you and the valuable contributions that you make.

A mother's job is a difficult one with joys beyond compare. Mothers offer exhilaration, enthusiasm, appreciation and the most precious moments a child ever knows. The sweet smile of welcome, the house so neat and tidy, the freshly laundered clothes folded in your drawer, the lovely flowers on the table, the smell of something yummy cooking—what warmth a good mother adds to a home.

I paraphrased a quote that goes, "The father makes a living, but mother makes life worth living." So important are mothers. Though we grow from childhood to adulthood, we never

outgrow the need for someone special to comfort us, to stroke our hair gently, dry our tears, and to reassure us that everything will be all right.

As I read and reread the letters my mother wrote to me I recall her tender words. And when our sweet little Lauren Grace awakens from her nap I say to her gently, "I hope you had a good nap. I couldn't wait to see you, I missed you, I love you."

The circle of life keeps flowing with the love of God and the wondrous joys of motherhood.

God bless you, dear mothers. Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at [westnews@primary.net](mailto:westnews@primary.net).

## Park District sponsoring one-day trip June 17

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a one-day trip to St. Louis and St. Charles counties Thursday, June 17. The cost of the trip will be \$35 per person and will include lunch.

The trip will go on sale at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. The motorcoach will leave the ice rink at 8:30 a.m. the day of the trip and travel to Wildwood to Gilbert's Perennial Farm. Cindy Gilbert will give a guided tour of the farm that specializes in perennial plants and ponds. After the tour, there will be time to browse. Any plants purchased will be at

discounted prices. Lunch will be at Piccadilly's Cafeteria on Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, where each person will be able to choose the complete "Dilly" selection that includes entree, salad, two vegetables, drink and dessert.

After lunch, the group will travel to the Sophia Sachs Butterfly House and Education Center. The center features an 8,000-square-foot glass conservatory, where visitors can mingle with more than 60 species of butterflies from around the world in free flight. The gift shop is filled with butterfly-inspired merchandise, and even the path leading to the building features

butterfly-shaped paving stones. The center is only the ninth such facility in the United States and is the only one in the Midwest. As always, residents of the

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# SIUE building boom ending; officials say best yet to come

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is near the beginning of the end of a small construction boom, and officials are excited about it.

"We've done a lot of planning, and we're very excited to see the new building rising out of the ground," said Harlan Bengtson, dean of SIUE's Engineering School.

The school now is spread out over several locations, including leased space at University Park.

"We're the farthest from the campus core," Bengtson said.

He said the wait for the new engineering building has been long and arduous, with several delays caused by state politics.

The building will bring all the classes into one place, closer to all the other academic buildings on campus.

The school is in the midst of buying new equipment for the building, he said.

There will be computerized classrooms, open computer labs, specialized computer labs and a robotics lab.

The building will house a wind tunnel and a \$300,000 machine for engineering testing.

The engineering building is rapidly becoming more visible as huge steel beams

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Harlan Bengtson  
SIUE Engineering School dean

are being placed in a grid above the foundation.

The project is being managed by the Illinois Capital Development Board, which paid for it.

Construction began in summer 1998, and completion is scheduled for fall 2000.

That project is about the biggest in terms of cost, but a \$15.9 million remodeling project at Cougar Lake Apartments will begin this summer and continue into next summer, said Ken Neher, the vice chancellor for administrative affairs.

The funding for the apartments comes from revenue bonds, which will be retired with revenue from the apartments.

The university plans to improve electrical service, plumbing, ventilation and general maintenance.

About 1,700 students live at Cougar Lake. The apartments are generally 90 percent occupied.

A smaller but notable project is virtually complete, Neher said.

A \$200,000 building for storage and museum offices is ready for occupancy.

Some works of art and natural history artifacts will be moved from the Wagner Complex in the Edwardsville Leclaire area to the new building near support services on campus by the end of May, Neher said.

"From a management perspective, it will be much better to have all my store consolidated into one spot," museum director Eric Barnett said.

He said the museum has displays all over campus but that he dreams of one day having a free-standing museum for displays organized around a coherent theme.

"That is something to be wished for," Barnett said.

Neher said money for a museum building would have to come from donations because the Illinois Legislature is unlikely to fund such a project.

Workers are closing in on finishing an addition to the Student Fitness Center. The addition should house free weight-lifting equipment, and the area now occupied by free weights will be occupied by aerobic equipment, which is becoming more popular among students and fitness center members.

An engineering firm recently was on campus taking soil samples from the Delite Morris Trail. This is the first step in construction of a new bike trail along Bluff Road from the existing trail up to New Poag Road.

Construction is expected to begin this summer.

The funding comes from a \$10 million state grant to the Madison County Transit District from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Work on a third student residence hall is expected to begin next spring, Neher said.

## Obituaries

### Alanna Browley

ALANNA KAYE "LANE-LANE" BROWLEY, 30, of Madison, died at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She was born March 17, 1969, in St. Louis and was a lifetime resident of the Venice-Madison area. She was a 1987 graduate of Madison High School, where she had been named homecoming queen, was an honor roll student and was active in sports. She was a member of Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ in East St. Louis.

Survivors include her children, Asha Elise Boyd, Steven Charles Boyd and Varie Amber Warren, all at home; her parents, Vera Lee Brown Browley and John Thomas Browley Jr., of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Sgt. Sharon Lynne Browley of Scott Air Force Base and Celena Browley of Venice; and her friend, Regina Williams.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at McCasland Temple Church of God in Christ, 8825 State St., East St. Louis.

Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, handled the arrangements.

### Otis Davis Sr.

OTIS DAVIS SR., 91, of Bonne Terre, Mo., formerly of East St. Louis, died Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at Andrew Temple Church of God in Christ. Mr. Davis was born July 25, 1907, in Golden Gate.

He was a retired Krey Packing Co. of St. Louis. He attended Full Gospel Tabernacle in Fairview Heights, and was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Survivors include his children, Thelma Duncan and Ronald Davis, both of Granite City; James Davis and Orville Davis, both of Alhambra; Margaret Hampton of Hannibal; Patricia Davis of Caseyville; and sisters, Anna Mabel Dunn of Galatia, Helen Oliver of Florida, and Corine Duval of Chicago; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Elizabeth (Graft) Davis; one son, Otis L. Davis Jr.; one daughter, Nora Vanbroeklin; his parents, Harrison and Nora (Orr) Davis; two brothers, Curtis and Herschel Davis; and three sisters, Reatha Jack, Clara Belle Marvel and Juanita Hulse.

Services were Saturday, May 1, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville, with the Rev. Jim Voelker officiating. Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

### John Garcia

JOHN C. GARCIA, 78, of Collinsville died Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville.

Mr. Garcia retired from Cupples Manufacturing Shop in St. Louis where he had worked for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his son, Thomas N. Garcia of Fairmont City, who was a member of Teamsters Local 688 in St. Louis; Mr. Garcia was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

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Monday, May 10, at St. Joseph's United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estate in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Nashville's Methodist Church.

**Leta Pryor**  
LETA DORIS (SMITH) PRYOR, 74, of Granite City, died at 9:18 a.m. Friday, May 7, 1999, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis.

She was born June 21, 1924, in Effingham and was a lifetime resident of Granite City. Mrs. Pryor retired in 1978 from Schermer's Grocery in Madison, where she had worked for 18 years as a cashier. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Benjamin R. Pryor, a son, James G. Pryor, of Granite City, two brothers, Junior Smith of Granite City, and Dale Smith of Vandalia; two sisters, Irene Tillford of Mattoon, and Betty Robinson of Centralia; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amer and Irene Smith; two brothers, Burriel and Kayo Smith; and a sister, Nadine Sinkler.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 9, 1999, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, where funeral services will be held Monday, May 10, 1999, at 10 a.m.

Memorials to the Granite City Animal Protection Agency have been suggested.

**Gladys Woods**  
GLADYS L. WOODS, 87, of Piedmont, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, April 16, 1999, at the Lucy Lee Healthcare System in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Woods was born Aug. 14, 1911, in California, Mo. She managed the kitchen at Brown Shoe Co. in Piedmont before retiring in 1974. She was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Piedmont.

Survivors include her sons, George Woods of California, and Wayne Woods of Piedmont; six daughters, Louise Stangs of California, Maxine Adams of St. Louis, and Dolores and Phyllis Ragsdale; both of Duplo, and Linda McFadden and Donna Fox of Piedmont; one sister, Irene Koch of St. Louis; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Orle Woods, whom she married in 1937 and who died July 10, 1964; two grandchildren, Richard "Spunky" Fox and an infant, Terry Woods; one brother, Harold Woods; and her parents, George Brown and Pearl (Latham) Kelsey.

Ruegg Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

**McKendree announces President's List**  
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MILLSTADT: Rhonda J. Haas, Kelli E. Reese.

NEW ATHENS: Shannon K. Cook, Nathan J. Majzel, Jennifer L. Mulholland.

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Class meets from 11 a.m. to 2:50 p.m., Monday-Thursday, from May 17 to June 10.

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Register at 9 a.m., Monday, May 17, in Room 1008.  
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from May 17 to June 11.

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## 11 indicted following Madison killing

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In any way overlook mob action, in this county. "In this case a member of the mob was shot and killed, which is a tragedy, but that is part of the evil which flows from mob action," he said.

He added that this was the second major mob action case the State's Attorney's Office has dealt with since August, when Richard Skelton was attacked and killed by a mob in Alton.

"The law must be severe and there must be a harsh response to members of a mob," Haine said. "Mobs are irrational, they are inherently illegal and bring lawlessness, disorder and

sometimes death to the community." Police said the dispute apparently stemmed from an incident earlier that evening at the party in the 1800 block of Rhodes, in which Hacke was "disrespected" by someone. Hacke left but returned later with friends — members of a group known as the Lynch Mob.

After a brief altercation in which members of the Lynch Mob allegedly assaulted the 16-year-old and another person, the people inside the house locked the gang out.

Gang members allegedly broke down the door and broke several windows in an attempt to enter the house, but the 16-year-old obtained his father's handgun and

started firing at them. Madison police received a call about a large fight at the party from an off-duty Venice police officer who was working security at a nearby QuikTrip.

That officer and another plainclothes security officer at the store drove over to the house. The Venice officer told investigators that he heard several gunshots while en route.

When he got out of the car, the Venice officer said, he saw someone fire several shots in his direction. The officer identified himself, then returned fire after another shot was fired. The 16-year-old then surrendered to police.

Haine said the grand jury found Hacke's death to be justifiable homicide.

## Miller found guilty in Venice beating case

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they find the (8-inch file) knife (Miller allegedly used)? "I think they wanted a quick suspect for the

victim's mother and so they could make themselves look good."

Closing arguments by both attorneys took just over an hour Thursday morning. The jury began deliberation at

10:30 a.m. and returned a verdict in less than three hours.

Miller, wearing handcuffs attached to a waist belt and ankle restraints, was whistling as he entered the courtroom at about 1:30 p.m.

Judge Hackett agreed to revoke Miller's bond.

## State report: Overall crime in Granite up

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Motor vehicle theft: 108 in 1997 to 113 in 1998, up 4.6 percent.

Fewer reports were filed for the following crimes:

Robbery: 24 in 1997 to 23 in 1998, down 4.2 percent.

Aggravated assault/battery: 123 in 1997 to 117 in 1998, down 4.9 percent.

Nine arson cases were reported to Granite City Police in 1998, the same number as in 1997. No murder has been committed in the city since October 1996.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the department has been increasing its efforts to combat crime. For example, he said, officers are not tolerating such petty offenses as disorderly conduct or public consumption of alcohol on city streets or sidewalks.

Ruebhausen said such offenses are dysfunctional to a neighborhood and therefore

cannot be tolerated.

The department also has cracked down on traffic violations and issued more traffic citations, he said.

In January, the department made it mandatory for officers to work 12-hour shifts instead of eight hours. Ruebhausen said more officers now are on the streets and able to reduce crime in neighborhoods that previously did not receive as much attention.

One such area is Kirkpatrick Homes, where the department opened a substation in January. Officer Tony Merz is assigned to patrol Kirkpatrick Homes and said he has seen less crime since the substation opened.

He works his beat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and is relieved by another officer who is on duty until 11 p.m. No one is scheduled to man the station on weekends.

Both officers now patrol on foot and by vehicle, but Merz is attending a police bicycle training course that will allow

him to sometimes patrol Kirkpatrick Homes on bicycle. Ruebhausen said Mike McKoon, director of the Granite City Housing Authority, has taken a strong stand toward reducing crime at Kirkpatrick Homes.

"He's an aggressive director who is committed to keeping the homes safe for its residents and free from violence. The police department commends Mike for his hard work and efforts," Ruebhausen said.

The department established the substation at Kirkpatrick Homes using various grants, including law enforcement block grants and Housing and Urban Development grants.

Ruebhausen said. The department has received a total of \$476,000 in grant money over four years.

The department also used grant money to pay overtime and to purchase new equipment, Ruebhausen said. The police chief said Granite City's younger officers are aggressive in their work

## Local mother has special reason to celebrate

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(feet first) birth, creating

some tense moments for both his parents and the medical staff delivering him. Because of the circumstances with Sam, Chastain did not experience labor. That changed last week.

"It was a little scary because I didn't know what to expect, but it was much better, especially afterward," she said.

Matthew's birth was routine but still very tiring for both his parents. Charles Chastain, a shipping clerk at Affiliated Metals in Granite City, was too worn out to distribute cigars.

Mom, too, said she could use a good night's sleep. She should get one because she'll have plenty of help available

at home. She said her parents, Edward and Beverly Lenzi of Granite City, and Charles' parents, Everett and Emile Collinsville, would be ready to assist.

Both parents said they don't expect two children to be any more difficult than one. "You make so many changes with the first one," Charles Chastain said.

"What's one more?" his wife added. Both are almost certain that Matthew has completed their family.

"We get a lot of 'When are you going to try for a girl?'" Adrienne Chastain said. "I say 'I already did and got a boy.'"

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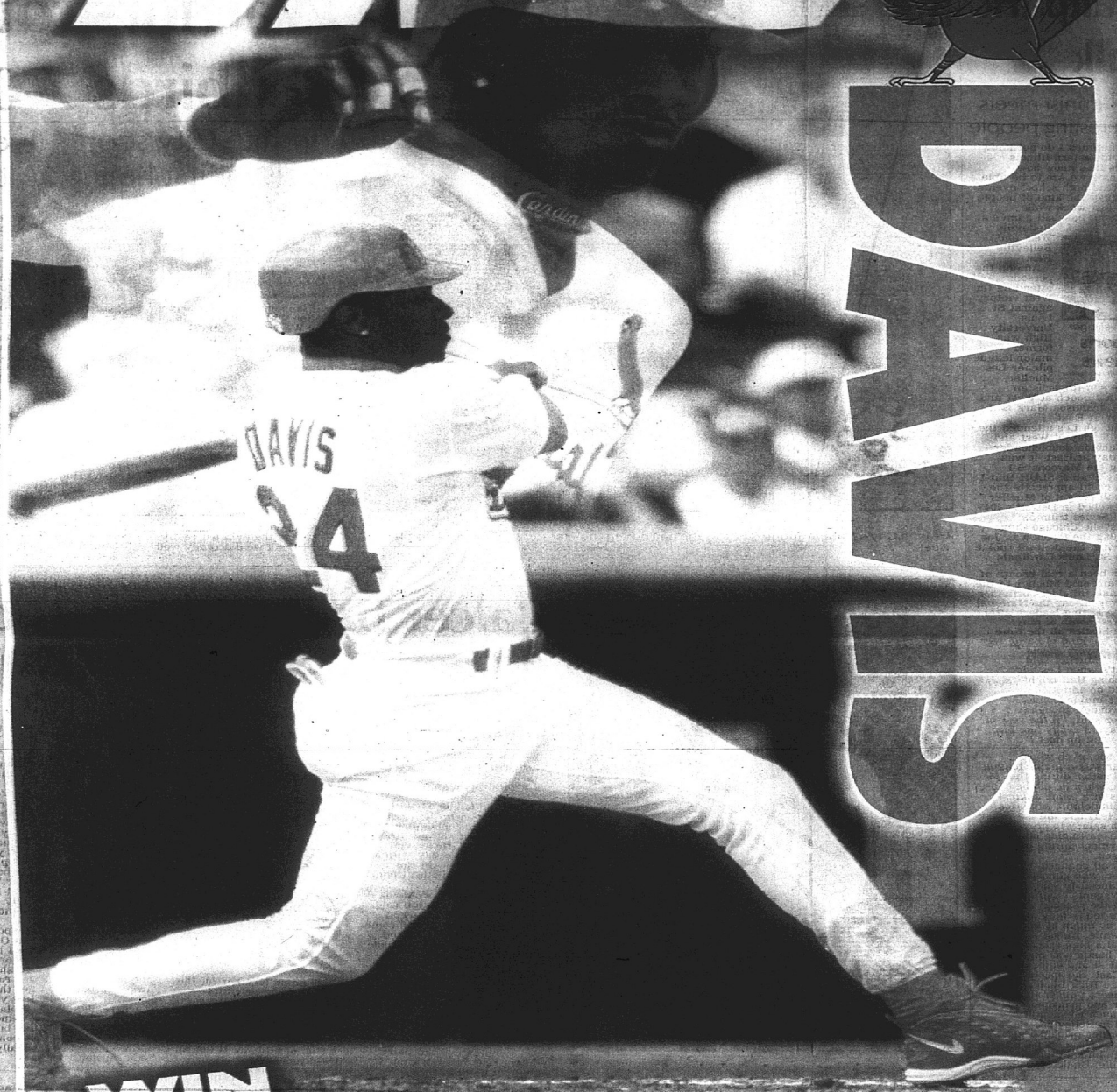
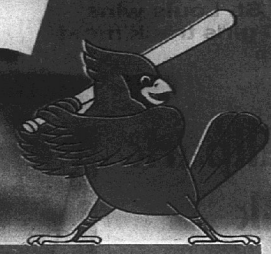
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## Ballpark talk

Columnist meets interesting people

Sometimes I do not know if southwestern Illinois sports fans know how fortunate we are to be able to attend high school events and meet the kind of people I did last week while attending baseball games at Belleville West and Belleville East.



Art Voellinger  
**Sports Views**

Among the persons attending the West victory against St. Louis University High was former major league pitcher Les Mueller.

whose son Roger is an assistant coach at West and whose grandson Mark is a pitcher at East. Although Les attended the game Friday at West and the Cahokia doubleheader Saturday at East, it was during the Maroons' 5-1 victory against SLUH that I again could appreciate the baseball insight of Mueller, who pitched in Detroit's 1945 World Series triumph against the Chicago Cubs. Among the topics was Joe McGraw, the do-it-all rookie of the St. Louis Cardinals.

He's been a real breath of fresh air, said Mueller of the Cardinals infielder-outfielder who was among the National League hitting leaders after the first month of play. "He hustles all the time and is the kind of ballplayer young players should follow," Mueller said. "That's when Les added something that might never be said or admitted by today's major leaguers. 'I wonder, though,' Mueller said, 'if the rest of the players really like him doing what he does.'"

You see, even when Mueller was a major league record setter during the '45 season, when he pitched 19½ innings in a game against the Philadelphia Athletics, major leaguers did not make enough salary to prevent them from finding other employment during the offseason.

"It's all changed," said Mueller, who almost simultaneously said the word "agents" with me as among the reasons why players today may not hustle as much as McGraw. Meanwhile, we sat back and enjoyed a high school game where hustle was most evident — and enjoyable.

At East, the spectators included Rich Binder, father of Lancers pitcher Brad Binder and principal of Westhaven Elementary School in Belleville.

A former principal at Millstadt Grade School and Central Junior High in Belleville, Binder, 52, also is



Granite City's Natalie Judge controls the ball during the Warriors' 7-0 rout of Alton last week.

## Warriors rout Redbirds 7-0

Granite City scores five goals in first half vs. Alton

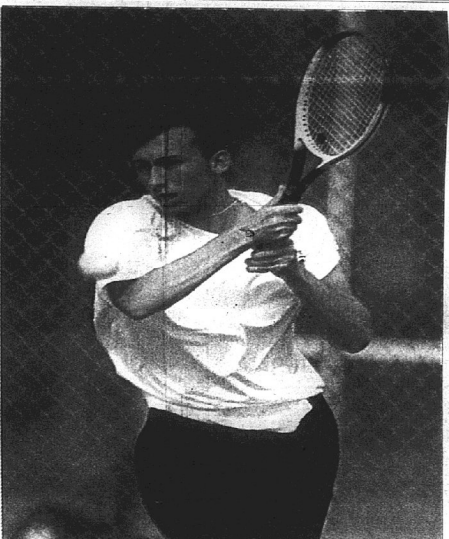
By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

After battling two tough opponents in two losses in their last two outings, the Granite City Warriors got a goal from Melissa Montgomery and an own goal credited to Felicia Mohsen in the first two minutes of play. They scored five goals in the first 16 minutes of the game.

"I think we put some passes together," Warriors' midfielder Brandi Ficker said. "I'm glad that we got the first couple of goals in the first two minutes, that was really good. We did come out ready to play this time. The backfield worked really good to keep it out. We made some good crosses and some good overlapping runs. The first couple of goals during the beginning helped, we could ease up and relax. We spread the field out really well. I think we did really well

all around." Warriors senior Jamie Raub had her best game of the season, scoring Granite City's fifth goal to close out the first half and its sixth to open the second half. Both goals came on tight, hard volleys in the area. Maria Rody, brought up from the junior varsity, closed the scoring by tipping home a ball in the crease midway through the second half. "Jamie Raub leads us in goals with two; Mohsen had four assists — it was her best game of the year; Melissa had two assists," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "Maria Rody gets a nice goal. Raub slapped two of them in very nicely." "This team, we beat 3-0 (earlier in the season), but this one could have been a big score, not that it isn't as it stands. That's without (Amber) Hubert." Hubert suffered a tear in her medial collateral ligament in a game against St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell

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Granite City sophomore Andy Balcer has improved in his second year at No. 1 singles for the Warriors.

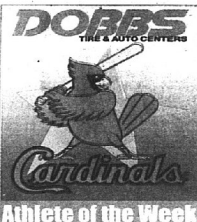
## Balcer back in form and taking aim at state berth

Granite City sophomore is 7-1 in dual matches

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Granite City's Andy Balcer recently ran into a rut. Some bad habits, Granite City tennis coach Allen Lobdell noted. But the sophomore apparently has worked through those problems. He served notice of that Tuesday with a straight set victory in the match against Bellalto Civic Memorial. "Andy had some problems two weeks ago," Lobdell said. "But I think he has worked through those problems that we thought he had."

"He is now hitting the ball with much more force and much more pace and is back to his normal self. I think the proof is in his easy victory over Civic Memorial. He hit with all the pace that anyone would want and handled it wonderfully. As long as he keeps stepping into the ball and keeps his foot work on track he'll be fine." Balcer, the Warriors' No. 1 singles player, knew he had to



get his game together for the Warriors to be successful. "It's important as the No. 1, first of all, to set a good example for the team, not just attitude-wise, but with the way I play," Balcer said. "But also in terms of attitude. If the No. 1 doesn't show good etiquette toward other players, and starts shouting and yelling, then the other players are

going to pick up on it. You have to set a good example to everybody, especially the junior varsity to the No. 2, No. 3, all the varsity spots also. You also have to win. As much pressure as I put on myself, the coaches put pressure on you to win and set an example that way. It seems like your words have a lot more meaning when you can back them up with play. Luckily, I think I have been able to do that this year." Balcer currently is 7-1 in dual matches, especially impressive for a sophomore who plays experienced competition in the top spot. "It has actually been OK this year, just because I have been able to win," Balcer said. "But last year, as a freshman playing No. 1, that was really awkward because I got the spot beat out of me last year. It felt really awkward playing No. 1 as a freshman. I knew that I would get better, but when you get the spot beaten out of you, it can be really demoralizing."

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**By Scott Marion**  
Staff writer

O'Fallon improved to 15-2, while the Lancers dropped to 22-3. "Bowen is a great pitcher," said East coach Dennis Schutzenhofer. "You try to visualize what you want

to do against him, and before you know it, the ball is past you.

"It was the best pitching performance I've seen this year. It's pretty simple — he throws hard and gets the ball over the plate. If he gets his curveball over, we're in trouble."

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound Bowen struck out 11 batters and didn't walk anyone, although he hit one batter with a pitch. He struck out five consecutive batters in the first and second innings and fanned another four in a row in the fourth and fifth

"Bowen was exceptional defensively as well as with his pitching," said O'Fallon coach Art Voellinger. "In one of the most challenging situations — with runners in scoring position in a 1-0 ballgame — he was able to keep his composure."

The Panthers scored their lone run in the bottom of the second inning. One-out singles by Matt Butchko and Andy Morrill put runners at first and second base. Johnson retired the next

batter, but Derek Stratman walked to load the bases. The next batter, leadoff hitter Brooks Colvin, hit a 3-2 pitch to shortstop Dante Binkley, who couldn't handle a bad-hop ground ball. The infield single was enough to score Butchko, and it was all the offense O'Fallon needed.

"They got a couple singles, but the walk was the big thing in that inning," Schutzenhofer said. "That moved a runner to third and it meant they could score on a ground ball."

Bowen, meanwhile, continued to

shut down the Lancers. East had one hit in six, but two innings including leadoff singles in the third, fourth and seventh — but couldn't score. The Lancers' final chance started with a beshit to center by John Louis. The next batter, Mike Brown, bled the red from his nose. But Bum, who Bowen dived for the ball and threw it first for the out while lying on his stomach.

The sacrifice moved Louis to second base and brought up Keith Tillotson, who hit a hard grounder back to the mound. Bowen knocked down the ball and threw out Tillotson at first while Louis moved to third base. Bowen then threw the game by striking out Art Bennie!

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

T.L. Witt photo

West is in the IHSA Class AA Marion Sectional on Friday, along with Belleville East and East St. Louis.

"Sectional week is probably our best week of the year," Highsmith said. "Everybody is focused."

Junior Lori Thebeau was Collinsville's lone winner, placing first in the triple jump at 33-04. Granite City and Alton did not win any events.

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# Warriors scores seven goals vs. Alton

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in the St. Dominic/Franciscan Howell North Shootout last week. Her return to the field this season is questionable.

On May 1, the Warriors dropped a 2-0 decision to Affton (Mo.) Cor Jesu Academy in the semifinals of that Shootout after going 2-0 in pool play. This past Tuesday, Southwestern Conference leader Belleville East edged the Warriors 2-1.

But the Warriors put it all together against the Redbirds. "Now we have some other big games," Baker said. "We have to get some good habits of play. Raub is going to have to help us and she can, especially on this field. Our field went from bad at the beginning to good now, from not being on it and from all of the rain. It's a good field and she is good on a good field, she has the skill. I think Natalie (Judge) gets a little bit better each game."

Both Cor Jesu and Belleville East played physical with the Warriors, whose passive attempts at retribution met with the ire of the officials. It was a different story Thursday against Alton.

"They handled the physical game better than they have been," Baker said. "They (Alton) have a couple of physical players and we didn't worry about it. I think it helps when you don't have quite the gusts of wind and a field that maybe



Granite City coach Gene Baker was displeased that the Warriors got the fifth seed in the Columbia Sectional tournament.

you can keep the ball down on."

Leah Gamblin and Debra

Aaron also scored Thursday for the Warriors, who moved to 7-2 overall on the season and 4-2 in the Southwestern Conference.

After non-conference games Friday (against Aquinas-Mercy of north St. Louis County) and Saturday (against Chatham Glenwood), the Warriors close the Southwestern Conference regular season May 17 at home against O'Fallon.

"It's here," Baker said. "They'll be scrapping. It's very important for us to find

the game that we will go into the playoffs with."

The seeds for the IHSA Columbia Sectional soccer tournament were announced Wednesday night. Belleville East got the top slot, followed by Collinsville, Carbondale and Triad. Granite City finished fifth.

"I was very disappointed in the seeding," Baker said. "I was hoping for the fourth seed. It was a tie and we got fifth. Who we play will all depend on how they set the bracket up."

## Postseason news

Area coaches gathered Wednesday evening to seed the Columbia Sectional tournament.

Belleville East (14-1) followed by Collinsville (10-4-1) and Carbondale (8-2). Triad (8-1-2) edged out Granite City (7-4-2) for the fourth seed.

We tied with Granite City in the first vote," Villa said. "Then they re-voted for just us and Granite City. We were the only teams that tied. Somebody must have changed their vote, and we got the fourth seed."

"I was relatively pleased with that because we hadn't played any of the best teams yet. We hadn't played Belleville East. We hadn't played Collinsville (the Lady Knights) and the Kahoks tied 0-0 Thursday night. We hadn't played Carbondale, and those are the three seeds in front of us. Our record was maybe better, but we hadn't even played that many games. I thought it was fair."

Granite City coach Gene Baker was hoping the Warriors' strength of schedule would have carried more weight in the meeting.

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Triad has put up some numbers offensively that may have had the coaches leaning toward the Lady Knights as the fourth seed over Granite City.

Sophomore Kasey Stogsdill is among the area leaders in goals scored with 17. Erin Fudo has 12, while Arnie Rengel has scored nine. As a team, the Lady Knights have scored 57 goals.

# Balcer now is 7-1 in dual matches

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"It has felt really good coming out here this year. It doesn't feel awkward. It makes me feel good to know that I am a sophomore now and have been able to beat some juniors and seniors who are at the top of their game."

Balcer already is a big part in Granite City's rebuilding program, and the importance of his role in the ascension of Warriors' tennis will continue to increase.

"The one thing Andy has in common with the other young players I have used in that important role is the tennis ability — that from the very beginning, it was obvious that they were going to be at the No. 1 or No. 2 position throughout their high school careers," Lobdell said. "If you have a very good singles player who can garner some headlines in the news, it's always good for the youngsters in the city to read about that in the paper, to have some local heroes to admire. Andy actually, because he is a sophomore, takes a backseat most of the time as far as a leadership role to the team. He is only a sophomore and he doesn't like to speak out and be real vocal. At this point in his career, he leads more by example. He does all the right things and works hard, tries to do all of the things that we suggest to modify his game. In whatever area we suggest, he tries to accommodate whatever we feel needs to be done. In that respect, he is a great leader."

"During his junior and senior years, I hope that he becomes a little more vocal in his leadership. We'll see. For the program to go along the lines that we intend, the top man needs to be a leader. Balcer would like to have a leadership role in the Warriors' rebuilding program. "I'd like to be a big part of that," Balcer said. "But I think that (assistant coach and former player) Raffi (Karibian) has a lot to do with that. This year, we have tried to get the word out more and tried to get more publicity as far as the tennis team goes. We have a coach from St.

Louis, Jeff Lynn, who helps a lot with the junior varsity kids and even with the varsity some. He helps me and Jason Woodson and Harry Painter — helps bring the younger guys up to par. He has helped a lot also, so it's a combination of things."

Balcer's game on the court is complete, offering a row of blatant vulnerabilities for an opponent to exploit.

"I like to think that I have a good all-around game," Balcer said. "I don't have any huge weapons, and that kind of goes against me, but my opponents can't really focus on one part of my game because it's all pretty decent. The biggest part of my game, I would like to think, is the mental part of it. Tennis is about 70 percent mental and 30 percent what you can actually do, and I would like to think that I have come a lot farther in my mental game. I don't have a strategy and not getting frustrated when you hit two or three bad shots in a row. I think that is the biggest part of my game. I'm able to keep my head on straight a lot more than I was last year, and I think that's why I lost so much last year."

Balcer also gets an edge from being a lefterhander in a field of predominant righties.

"I think there is a slight edge," Lobdell said. "A lefterhander's serve turns in a different direction, comes to a player from a different direction than they get 85 or 90 percent of the time. A right-handed player is used to hitting his safe shot in a certain direction or he is used to picking on the backhand of his opponent, which when he plays a lefterhander of course is on the opposite side. So the right-handers have to change their habits. I think there is kind of a built-in advantage for a lefterhander."

For the rest of this season, Balcer will look to maintain his form, making a few slight adjustments to create some noise in the postseason.

With the weeks of play left and two solid weeks of matches, it is going to be difficult to find any kind of practice time whatsoever," Lobdell said. "But we know some of the facets of his game aren't as strong as we would like them to be. So we want to work on his volley on the forehand side. We feel like that can be improved just a notch or two and become a little bit more of a weapon. Balcer also has team goals to chase."

"I would love for the team to end up around 11-7," Balcer said. "We play O'Fallon next week and I would love to win that match. I play Kevin Alford and he is really tough. I'd like to make a good showing against him because it will really help during sectionals and conference. But sectionals is the main thing I am looking forward to as an individual player. I hope that I'm able to go to state this year, but it all depends on the sectional draw. If I am able to win against O'Fallon and make a good showing against Alton this weekend, I think I will be able to get a pretty high seeding in the sectionals. Tennis tournaments deal a lot with the luck of the draw, and so I hope I have a good draw and I'm able to place first through third in sectionals and possibly go to state. That will be really tough. If I can keep hitting well and progress a little bit more in my game I might be able to do that."

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## Girls finish fourth at conference meet

Warriors boys win junior event

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City track team ran into a maelstrom at the Southwestern Conference Girls Track Meet and finished a distant fifth.

The Southwestern Conference Girls Track Meet was extremely tough competition," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "It wasn't too easy for us to score against that competition. We did place in a few events."

The Warriors got fourth-place performances from Amber Ridgeway in both hurdles — the 100-meter and 300-meter. Her 300 hurdle time was only a second off the state qualifying time.

In the 1,500-meter run, Sarah Tester placed fourth and set a personal record for herself in that event.

The 800 relay (Sarah Tester, Denise Mueller, Faith Yurcisin, and Penny Meyer) also placed fourth.

The Warriors got a third-place finish from the sprint medley team of Ridgeway, Sarah Kuchel, Nicole Bellman, and Shannon Stapleton. Stapleton also placed second in the open 400 meters, racing a second below the state qualifying time.

It was not the best of meets for the girls this year, but their competition was fierce, and that should set the table for the postseason approaching.

"We had good performances, but the level of competition was still a little bit above us," Briggs said. "It gives us something to work toward. Sectionals are coming up next Friday, and we are going to have to perform against very tough competition at that meet also. So no excuses. We just need to get better. But we are performing well and we are doing the best we can to get there."

**Young Warriors win**

The Warriors boys team took the title at the Freshman/Sophomore Southwestern Conference Meet on Thursday. Granite City topped the field with 80 points, followed by Belleville West (56), Belleville East (52), O'Fallon (49), Alton (42), Edwardsville (37), and Collinsville (27).

"There were very good teams," Briggs said. "Basically it was the Southwestern Conference schools, since O'Fallon is

joining the conference next year, and the only one that wasn't there was East St. Louis."

"Any time that we can finish ahead of our Southwestern Conference rivals, we are extremely happy with the effort and extremely proud of the place. Outdistancing these other teams with our freshmen and sophomores to us is a tremendous accomplishment."

"We know that our abilities at a freshman-sophomore level are on a par with anybody at this time, so now it's just a matter of continuing to have those people come out and work hard in the program, so that when they are juniors and seniors, we are also dominating the other conference schools. It was a pleasure to see them perform."

The Warriors' Jerry Curtis took first in the 3,200 meters, and Jeff Hard took top honors in the discus and the shot put. The 300-meter hurdle relay team (Jim Treake, Scott Singleton, and Kurt Munger) also took first place. James Murphy was second in the 3,200. The sprint medley (Treake, Josh Martin, Rich Evans, and Jeremiah Beckley), 4x800 relay (Corey Pank, Kenny Jackson, Beckley, and Treake), distance medley (Jackson, Larry Soechting, John Lance, and Curtis), and 4x400 relay (Evans, Kevin Prindable, Beckley, and Treake) teams all took second place.

Joe McClure (long jump), Evans (high jump) and Jason Evenden (discus and shot put) all took third.

"With that number of firsts, seconds and thirds, we were well on our way to a great team finish," Briggs said. Getting the high places and the big points in a big meet was what allowed us to win. So not only the multiple places, but the high places were the key."

"We were very satisfied with the performances of our youth. It is the future of our program and if this means anything to what we can look forward to, then Granite City track has arrived."

Though the season is nearly over, the Granite City track team also has a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks.

"We are looking forward to our sectional track meets to conclude the season and do hope to qualify by some athletes for state and extend the season another week for some," Briggs said.

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## Warriors blast East St. Louis 25-0

But Maroons' Hunter throws no-hitter against Granite City

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Granite City created some malevolent turbulence with their lumber and swatted

East St. Louis 25-0 in a mercy-shortened game Tuesday afternoon. The Warriors scored eight in the first, eight in the second, and five in the third to ground the Flyers.

"I put everybody in the game," Granite City coach Deb Germann said. "Obviously we hit quite well, we walked quite often. I had the girls work on bunting the last two innings, the fourth and fifth innings."

Emily Douglas went 3 for 6 with four RBI. Team captains Robyn Slater and Jan Shanafelt were a combined 5 for 7 with two doubles, two triples and six RBI. Amanda Pashea was 2 for 5 with two RBI and Kera Olson went 2 for 3 and drove in a run.

Staci Foster pitched three scoreless innings, giving up two hits and striking out two to get the win.

Thursday was a different story for Granite City. The Warriors went up against powerhouse Belleville West and got blanked 7-0.

"We got no-hit, struck out 12

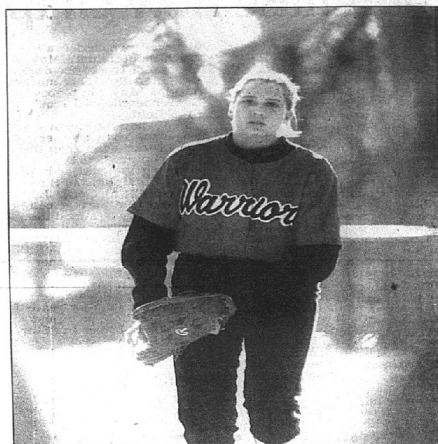
times," Germann said. "(Pitcher) Casey Hunter did a real nice job against us for Belleville West, hit her spots."

"We allowed seven runs and only three were earned. There were mental mistakes and a couple of physical mistakes, we had three errors. (Jessica) Stratman pitched well up until about the fifth inning, the first couple of batters in the fifth inning. Then she started to get tired, and she admitted that. We just have to get her into a little better playing shape."

"But it should have been a 3-0 ballgame. When you play a top-notch team like Belleville East or West you can't give them extra outs. I know one inning we let a pop fly drop between two of us in foul territory. That's an extra out, they scored two runs after that. We mishandled the ball at first base. Just little things."

The Warriors will have ample opportunity, weather permitting, to get back to work in the next seven days.

"We have a full week this week," Germann said. "They canceled the Cahokia Tournament over the weekend and pushed it back to next weekend. We play Tuesday (Belleville East), Wednesday (Cahokia), Thursday (Alton), Friday (Collinsville) next week and Saturday we are scheduled."



Granite City's Jessica Stratman pitched well against West until the fifth inning.

"They have to take care of the ball better. We just have to learn to hit. The better pitchers know how to work ahead and hit the corners and

our girls just aren't adjusting... We just aren't probably hit the cages because we are hitting so bad."

## Boone Valley Classic features skins challenge

The Boone Valley Classic will team up with Dillard's as sponsor of this year's tournament.

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As a part of the week-long activities, the Dillard's Celebrity Challenge for Children will be Tuesday, May 25 and will feature four, two-man teams in a friendly competition for charity.

Each team will consist of one professional and one St. Louis celebrity in a Skins Game competition. St. Louis Children's Hospital is the primary beneficiary of the special event.

"Dillard's is happy to be involved in this event that will help children in our community," said Mark Gastman, vice president of marketing and sales promotion for Dillard's. "We are looking forward to having some fun

and presenting a minimum check to St. Louis Children's Hospital of \$20,000."

Participating in the event's professionals are defending champion Larry Nelson, Hale Irwin, Tom Wargo and first-year professional Jim Holtgreve.

Local celebrities include Blues goalie Grant Fuhr, pro football Hall of Famer Dan Dierdorf and Cardinal broadcaster Joe Buck. ESPN's Jim Kelly will serve as emcee for the nine-hole Skins Game.

In a skins competition, a "skin" and associated prize money is awarded to the team with the lowest score on each hole. If a hole is not won outright, the skin carries over to the next hole.

Each skin is worth \$1,000 and each of the three teams will be playing for a charity of their choice. Above and beyond the payoff to charity through the Skins Game, \$1,000 will be

donated to St. Louis Children's Hospital.

In addition to the Dillard's Celebrity Challenge, the week-long activities include four pro-ams, professional practice rounds and three competitive rounds.

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# 'Star Wars' fans line up to purchase new chapter's toys

Like Luke Skywalker saving Princess Leia in the original "Star Wars" film, Louis Lecca had a plan to "rescue" his choice of the new movie-related toys released this week.

Lecca, 26, a music producer from Los Angeles, waited four hours in line at the Los Feliz, Calif., Toys-R-Us before it opened. Then, rather than joining the mob scene surrounding the "Star Wars" section like everybody else, he went a few aisles over and shouted, "They're opening new boxes in the back!"

As the mob went to the back — where there were no new boxes — he had his pick.

"After a while it does start to get ridiculous," he said. "I won't buy everything, but all of those people who say it's childish to spend so much money on these, I say just go see the movie and you'll understand."

"Star Wars" fans, collectors and others just feeling frisky from the Force invaded toy stores Monday just after the stroke of midnight. The mission was to become the first in the solar system to buy merchandise from the upcoming "Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom

Menace," which doesn't reach theaters until May 19. It was a trip to the dark side, literally: Lines started forming May 2 in places like Lawrenceville, N.J., and Brookfield.

And when the Earth's single sun rose, another wave returned to reap the most popular bounty, including 12-inch Darth Maul villains and Jar Jar Binks space creatures, or a Jabba the Hutt that barfs green play gel ("Not a food item," the box warns).

Fans had been waiting for months to activate the little Darth Maul's light saber swinging action, or to repeatedly press the nimbly steed-like kaadu for realistic running action, or to just cover their bodies in "Star Wars" lotion.

But the emperor forbade it.

George Lucas, the director, creator and owner of all things "Star Wars," secured strict licensing deals that prevented toy maker Hasbro from releasing virtually any information about its Chinese-made products until the determined hour (though the Internet rebels had pictures of the stuff posted on their unofficial web sites for months.)

Then, just after midnight, "Man, did it go!" said Mark Beller, the sales floor manager at the Lawrenceville Toys-R-Us.

The scene was ... well, let him describe it.

"One of the managers brought a video camera in to tape it, and there were all these people with their shopping carts, and as soon as the doors opened, they started running," he said. "People were grabbing the action figures off the shelves as fast as they could, filling entire shopping carts with them. One guy bought 100 of the battle droids. He said he was going to set up a battle scene."

At a Wal-Mart in Tulsa, Okla., one collector went so far as to offer store employees \$1,000 for a Star Wars promotional sign. At the Boise, Idaho, Toys-R-Us, shoppers purchased the equivalent of a 40-foot semi-truck of movie toys.

"It's pure madness," said Erik Henriksen, a 19-year-old college student. "There was so much pure desire for this stuff we were terrified."

And who were these people?

Some, to be sure, were collectors, acquiring Jar Jar for a rainy day or diversifying a college fund.

## Horoscope

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**  
Happy Mother's Day. With Venus newly deposited in the comforting sign of Cancer, it is easy to give love on this day of recognition to the maternal powers that be. With the moon in wise Pisces, deeply appreciative feelings are accessed and meaningful expressions are exchanged. Rely on sheer instinct for extraordinary results.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 9)** Real personal progress happens in your financial life this year because you let go of certain self-imposed limits. Your love life blossoms when you lose self-awareness. Couples get along beautifully if each can keep from criticizing his or her partner and turn that high-powered microscope inward. July represents a bridge to the future. Your marriage months are October and January.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Pressure from a lover is alleviated when you both finally air your grievances. Keep reminding yourself that attaining goals requires hard work. Plans made in haste won't be fruitful. Your family may be expecting too much.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You are lucky in games and sporting events. Have an honest talk about your feelings. Spend time redoing your home or wardrobe. An Aquarius or Gemini has a proposition for you. The rules will be adjusted in your favor.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** You hold the purse strings after you prove you can handle it. You impress a potential love just by being yourself.

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Someone close to your heart deserves a second chance. You should consider going into business for yourself.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** A major change occurs in your personal life. Prudence pays off, and others flock to you for advice. A problem is solved by going straight to the top. After your schedule to include more adventure and fun.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your style is irresistible at parties, so socialize. Take a chance, and let others' ideas be heard. A problem is solved by going straight to the top. After your schedule to include more adventure and fun.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An ordinary experience becomes your stepping stone. Stop feeling sorry for yourself. You will see the results of your work over the past few weeks. Your struggle with authorities is almost over. A teenager is relying on you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Stick together, and be tolerant. Learn imagination by watching you use yours. You

are receptive to warmth from one who hurt you before. Your personal progress is remarkable. Revel in it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Developing your creativity bolsters your self-esteem. You must fight with an ex over money matters, but this turmoil is worth the effort. Diversify your financial interests. A Leo responds favorably to your advances.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Credibility established now rebounds to your great benefit. A friend may seem more like an antagonist, but if you're able to back up your position with facts, all turns out fine. Your patience with in-laws wins you respect.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A mentor relationship may turn into romance, almost without warning. Don't worry whether you give enough — only remember to give from the heart. The small work adds up to a masterpiece with the right planning.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Take care of your health, and nerves settle down nicely. Friends are a big help. A romance with someone younger may cool just as rapidly as it advances. Speak frankly about what behavior is acceptable from a child.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Blessings are abundant. Count them. Ask for help this afternoon, even if you can do things yourself. People get in touch with their generosity when they feel useful. Some kind of instruction or training is needed.

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## 1904 World's Fair collection now open to general public

By Glen Sparks  
Staff writer

Joseph Meisel's collection of 1904 World's Fair memorabilia is going public.

Since April 30, visitors to the DeMenil Mansion and Museum, 3352 DeMenil Place, can see all 1,200 pieces from the fair that Meisel collected through the decades.

The objects on display will include glassware,

hand-painted jewelry boxes, vases, china, pewter napkin rings, mother of pearl purses, fans, spun-glass walking sticks and more.

Margia Grass, executive director of the DeMenil, said Meisel's daughter, Pat McBride, agreed to donate all the memorabilia to the mansion. Meisel, a longtime Red Cross volunteer, died in 1988.

"My father had always

hoped that someday his World's Fair collection would be preserved and shared with all of St. Louis," McBride said. The collection astounded Grass, who examined it at McBride's house.

"It's not just spoons or one particular kind of souvenir," she said. "It's a great mix."

The museum still needed a place for the pieces, though, and decided on the third-floor attic. Once a storage area,

museum workers are cleaning the room and putting the World's Fair pieces inside glass cases.

The high ceilings and wooden floors should make an attractive new home for the collection, Grass said. The museum is an ideal spot for these pieces, she said.

Alexander DeMenil was one of the World's Fair's directors

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Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz in a scene from the Universal Pictures release, "The Mummy." The remake of the 1932 Boris Karloff horror classic is now showing at a theater near you.

## 'The Mummy' remake more like a tepid Indiana Jones flick

A lot of people exclaim "Oh my God!" during the latest remake of "The Mummy" as the cast battles a resurrected mummy, as well as various plagues and bugs.

The on-screen exclamations, however, are nothing compared to what some moviegoers may mutter under their breath as they ponder a derivative and tepid "Indiana Jones" wannabe that conspicuously wastes its likable leading man, Brendan Fraser.

Recently seen emerging from 35 years untroubled in "Blaze From the Past," or moving the lawn — his muscles rippling — in "Gods and Monsters," Fraser here makes a bid to be a Harrison Ford for the millennium. That would be fine if "The Mummy" delivered on its promised derring-do with any wit and panache. Instead, it's a formulaic retread of an often-told tale. And if you have fond memories of the 1932 Boris Karloff classic, forget it. This new film boasts all too little relation to the classic horror and stylish art direction of the original.

The plot remains deliciously silly and complicated. It's the telling of it that disappoints in writer-director Stephen Sommers' saga of treasure-seekers terrorized by the newly revived and murderous Imhotep, the priest-turned-mummy of the title.

In the prehistoric Theban fortification of Hmunnaptra, the City of the Dead, Imhotep had an illicit liaison with Anck-Su-Namun, the mistress of the pharaoh, who was subsequently killed.

For his misdeeds, Imhotep was buried alive adjacent to some royal treasures and has spent 3,000 years nursing a vengeful desire to rise up and wreak havoc by unleashing the 10 plagues of Egypt.

Enter Fraser's Rick O'Connell.

Every action hero needs a sidekick, and Rick finds one in Evelyn (Rachel Weisz), a wide-eyed English Egyptologist who gets to play prim to Rick's sometimes improper American.

While she uses words like "heavily," brother Jonathan

(John Hannah) provides even-so-English comic relief as an effete bumbler whose feyness doesn't exempt him from the gunplay that arrives right on cue.

Before long, a cabal of pretty disgusting creatures are stalking our heroes — in some truly Byzantine treasure chambers — while never quite shaking Rick's demeanor. "Mummies," Rick says coolly, as if the challenge were one he faced every day. Clearly, sarcophagi are to Rick as lobsters were to Woody Allen in "Anne Hall."

— a necessary evil that goes with the territory when you're trying to woo the lady.

Genre pictures aren't expected to be rich in characterization but, even by those standards, "The Mummy" is surprisingly crudely written.

"Because I am a damsel in distress, kill the bad guy and save the world," Rick says of his task to a colleague, sounding less like a crusading adventurer than a young filmmaker pitching his latest script to studio bigwigs.

Even the most chilling Hollywood executive would pale, however, next to the mummy and his legions, a savage-eyed bunch who aren't cowed by much beyond the Star of David and, yes, cats.

As for the flesh-eating bugs, they may be the biggest gross-out, judging by the numbers of audience members burying their faces in their hands (and not because of the dialogue).

It can't be easy responding to lines like, "Come with me, my Anck-Su-Namun," but Weisz proves game enough. Fraser, in turn, is so naturally ingratiating that he wins over the audience to his side, without once letting slip the odd wince.

In the end, he gets the girl and the "undead" mummy dies away, though Evelyn has one line — "Death is only the beginning" — to prompt speculation of a sequel.

Under the circumstances, that would be the real fright. "The Mummy" is an Alphaville Production, produced by James Jacks and Sean Daniel. It is rated PG-13. The killing is almost cartoonish and you never see the blood. Running time: 124 minutes.

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By Tom Strongman

I was sitting at a stoplight feeling rather self-conscious about the stripes, light-blue polished wheels, and numerous Firebird decals of Pontiac's 30th anniversary Trans Am, when I looked in the rearview mirror.

Two teenage boys in the car behind me gave me a thumbs-up. Must be a generational thing. While I was slightly intimidated by the test car's gaudiness, these guys loved it.

I remember when I was a kid I always coveted the wildest, most exotic cars on the road, regardless of their impracticality for everyday use. In some ways, this special Trans Am is like one of those fat-tired, brightly striped supersport motorcycles that looks like it is going 150 mph sitting still. Both are built to go fast, look tough and draw attention to the rider, or driver, as the case may be.

This special anniversary model of the Firebird Trans Am pays homage to the 1969 Firebird Trans Am, whose name came

## Limited-edition turns heads

from the Trans-American Championship racing series in which it was most successful. Only 1,065 coupes and 535 convertibles will be built.

The \$1,575 package includes the special 17-inch wheels, white leather seats and numerous 30th anniversary cloisonne badges. Logos are embroidered on the seats, floor mats and the trunk mat.

The \$3,150 Ram Air package includes a fresh-air induction system that raises horsepower from 305 to 320, dual exhausts, tighter suspension, Z-rated tires and a power steering cooler.

The Trans Am is a brute. The way it's built—V-8 rips and roars is about as subtle as a kick in the shins. The clutch for profiling, or being seen, is manual is a no-cost option. It is certainly the best to drive than the heavy-shifting manual. I suspect it is only a tick or two slower, as it romps to 60 mph in less than six seconds.

The engine's power band is so broad that even the slightest nudge of the throttle, or "loud pedal," is met with a bellow from the exhaust and spinning tires. Unless you're prudent, you'll be buying a new set of back tires in no time.

Despite the heavy engine sitting in the nose, monstrous tires and a very firm suspension give the Trans Am decent agility. On track-moost pavement it feels crisp and takes turns like it was held to the road with a magnet. The prodigious grip of these ultra-wide 17-inch tires is upst, when the pavement turns the slightest bit bumpy.

As capable as this car can be in the right set of hands (i.e., a very skilled driver), it is as much for show as for go, as anything. That is especially true for this model. Collectors will

savor the fact that each car has a numbered authentication badge on the dash.

Trans Am sports seats are deep and heavily contoured to hold driver and passenger in place, and these are the same. Their soft leather feels great, but you'd better sit in them with clean clothes because the white color will show dirt immediately.

The same criticisms of other Trans Ams apply to this car, namely that many of the secondary gauges are blocked by the steering wheel; the ride is overly firm; and the cabin, with vestigial back seat, is really only big enough for two. The space for luggage under the big glass hatch is shallow, but fortunately the back seats fold down.

A couple of things worth noting:

Front-to-rear brake balance is now handled by an electronic proportioning system that should enable more efficient stopping. The exhaust is a one-piece unit to cut down on squeaks and rattles.

A Torsen limited-slip rear differential helps get the power to the pavement, and traction control makes winter driving less of a headache. For those who might want to take a run at the drag strip, traction control can be switched off.

Firebird sales have suffered in recent times, perhaps because of the popularity of sport-utility vehicles. If these are the warning days for the Firebird then the 30th anniversary model will be even more appealing to folks who want to hang on to a piece of American muscle-car history.

The base price of our test car was \$26,175. The Ram Air package, 30th anniversary package, trunk-mounted CD player, traction control, performance axle ratio and custom bucket seats brought the sticker price to \$32,935.

The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

## Automotive companies embracing recycling

By Rick Stoff

Few inventions have affected earth's environment as much as the automobile. From exhaust emissions to the disposal of spent oil, tires and entire cars, the automobile has imposed widespread costs in return for the personal freedoms it has provided.

Major advances have been made in recent years, however, particularly in terms of exhaust emissions from individual vehicles. Still, driving has more impact on the environment than 130 other consumer activities, says "The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices," a new book

published by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Disposing of the millions — if not billions — of tons of waste created by automobile use is one of the big issues.

The annual Earth Day observance was noted by many companies in the automobile business who showed off their contributions to environmentalism.

DaimlerChrysler and 24 of its component suppliers exhibited a Dodge Stratus containing as much recycled material as possible — about 85 percent by weight. The company says about 75 percent of the content of current cars is recycled, and it is striving to reach 85 percent by 2002.

The Stratus was fitted with tires, seats, trim, floor mats, sun visors, fuel tank, door handles, carpeting, mirrors and seat belts made of recycled base materials. Currently the metal and

many plastic components of cars contain recycled steel. DaimlerChrysler recycled materials at the same costs as current components or to even lower the costs.

"The automobile is the most recycled product, and we're trying to raise the bar even higher," said Ronald Boltz, vice president of product strategy and regulatory affairs at DaimlerChrysler. "More than 95 percent of all vehicles are recycled today. No other product comes close. By comparison, aluminum cans are recycled at the rate of 51 percent and newspapers at 40 percent."

The biggest recycling problem posed by automobiles is the "white" or conglomerate material left after car or truck is shredded and the metal has been removed. Much of this contains fiber, odd bits of plastic, adhesives

and rubber, accounts for millions of tons of waste each year. Some of the plastics fitted on the "green" Stratus were made of recycled materials.

The retreaded tire industry also touted its horn on Earth Day, pointing out that each retreaded tire you see on the road — typically on large trucks — saved about 15 gallons of oil that would have been needed to produce a brand-new tire from scratch.

The Tire Retread Information Bureau said the low prices of passenger car tires have made retreading useful mainly to operators of large trucks, but added that retreaded passenger car tires can be found at prices lower than those of new tires. Overall, tire retreading saves millions of gallons of oil consumption each year and keeps millions of discarded tires out of landfills.

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 Are you an energetic team-player interested in joining a fast-growing company? If so, Carlos O'Kelly's is looking for you! We are currently seeking to fill:  
**Supervisory Positions**  
 We offer 20% plus growth in new units, and great benefits like paid insurance and 401(k). We also offer excellent career potential, and opportunity for rapid advancement. If you are interested in joining the Carlos O'Kelly's team, send your resume to:  
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**CUSTODIAL MANAGEMENT**  
 An established growth oriented service company is seeking applicants for Supervisory position in the St. Louis area. Clean Tech Co. is looking for mature individuals with first-line supervisory experience. Ideal position for retired military. Salary, benefits, including 401K.  
 Send resume to:  
 HR DIRECTOR  
 2815 Olive Street  
 St. Louis, MO 63103  
 or call Mr. Fulton  
 @ (314)562-2588  
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**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**  
 Afternoon or Evening Hours  
 We are seeking a customer service representative in the transportation industry. The position is located in St. Louis. The candidate must have a high school diploma and be able to communicate effectively. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits package.  
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 Manufacturer out of St. Louis is looking for over-the-road tractor/trailer drivers. We offer \$9.56 per mile including safety bonus to start. Insurance, paid vacations, home weekly. We require 1 year verifiable experience, good driving record, Class A CDL. Must meet D.O.T. qualifications.  
**330 SINGING BONUS.**  
 Apply in person.  
**MRS. ALISONS COOKIES**  
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 St. Louis, MO 63132

**INTERNET SYSTEMS MANAGER**  
 Belleville Area College is now accepting application for the full-time administrative position of Internet Systems Manager in the Learning Resource Center. This position includes a variety of technical, professional, and supervisory work which involves the implementation, configuration and management of equipment vital to the college's Internet presence. Districtwide responsibilities include coordination and technical support of the Web site related equipment including routers, firewalls, servers, related software and user accounts.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
 1. Two years of college with documented job specific certified training in the following: Microsoft NT Server and Enterprise Implementation, Microsoft Internet Information Server 4.0, TCP/IP, and HTML. Associate's Degree is preferred.  
 2. Minimum of one year experience providing Internet services support functions such as web pages, user accounts, file and server platform support required.  
 3. Network Server Suite software, Microsoft NT 4.0 and Internet information required.  
 4. Familiarity with graphics standard such as JPEG and GIF required.  
 5. In-depth working knowledge of TCP/IP. Familiarity with web-based instruction. Strong written and oral communications skills required.  
 6. Additional knowledge/experience with Allience Cold fusion and experience creating CGI scripts and Java scripts preferred.  
**Starting Salary:** The annual starting salary range is \$30,000-\$36,000 per year.  
**Work Location:** Belleville Campus with district wide responsibilities.  
**Application Procedure:** Respond with cover letter, current resume, college transcripts provided by your institution and list of three references. Finalists for the position will be required to complete a college employment application form.  
**Application Deadlines:** May 24, 1999 by 4:00 p.m. or postmarked that date. Send application materials to:  
**Human Resources Office**  
**Belleville Area College**  
**2500 Carlyle Avenue**  
**Belleville, IL 62221**  
 Belleville Area College is an EEO/AA Employer/Educator

**320 HELP WANTED**  
**LOCAL ROUTE DELIVERY DRIVER**  
 Interested applicants must possess a CDL Class B license with the ability to obtain a CDL Class A license within a 60 day probationary period. Compensation includes safety bonus to start. Insurance, paid vacations, home weekly. We require 1 year verifiable experience, good driving record, Class A CDL. Must meet D.O.T. qualifications.  
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**WAREHOUSE**  
Major food distributor has an immediate opening for a full-time Warehouse/Receiving Supervisor who enjoys working in a fast-paced environment. This individual will perform all warehouse office functions such as scheduling delivery appointments, supervising receiving operations and all other duties that may apply. Knowledge and/or working experience in the food distribution industry a plus. Warehouse and/or road experience a plus. Ideal candidate must be customer service oriented, and work well under pressure and time constraints. Must be computer literate and have 10 key by touch. Hours are Mon-Fri, 6:00am-2:30pm. Some overtime may be required. Excellent benefits package included. Please send resume in confidence to: Human Resources, 1800 Adams, Granite City, IL 62040.

320 HELP WANTED

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Our general practice dental office is seeking a career-minded dental assistant who knows the value of communication and enthusiasm in a dental team concept. Previous dental office experience or training is preferred. We offer an excellent work environment, weekends off, and a negotiable benefit and salary package. Send or fax resume to: Dr. Kathy and Scott Spangard, 923 Johnson Rd., Granite City, IL 62040, FAX 877-6330.

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**ENTRY LEVEL INSIDE CLASSIFIED SALES**  
If you have a positive professional attitude and desire to type 40 WPM, The Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis has a full time position available for a person like you!  
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Call our Career Hotline  
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**PART-TIME PRODUCTION WORKERS**  
We have a number of openings for part-time production workers. Lifting required.  
Apply in person, 8am-4pm  
Monday through Friday  
DONNELLY PRINTING COMPANY, INC.  
8220 Laffey Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63134

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**CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS**  
We are a light care mental health facility. We offer a variety of services including individual, group, and family therapy. We are seeking qualified professionals to join our team. For more information, please contact us at (618) 656-1081.

320 HELP WANTED

**SECRETARY EDUCATION TO CAREERS**  
Belleville Area College is now accepting applications for the position of Secretary, Education to Careers. This is a full-time position. The position is responsible for providing administrative support to the Director of Education to Careers. The position requires a minimum of two years of experience in a similar position. For more information, please contact us at (618) 656-1081.

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**APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT**  
MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

320 HELP WANTED

**Applicant Must:**

1. Be at least 21 years of age and under 35 years of age at time of application deadline.
2. Possess a valid drivers license
3. Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D.
4. Pass a written examination, physical agility test, oral interview, polygraph test, psychological exam, background investigation, drug screening and thorough medical examination by Department physician.
5. Have 20/20 vision or at least 20/50 binocular vision without glasses.
6. Applications can be picked up at the Madison Police Department located at 615 Madison Avenue, Madison, Illinois Monday, April 26, 1999 through Friday, May 14, 1999 24 hours a day.
7. Orientation will be in the City Council Chambers located at the Madison City Hall, 615 Madison Avenue, Madison, Illinois on Saturday, May 22, 1999 at 10:00am.
8. Applications must be returned to the City of Madison Board of Police Commissioners no later than 4:00pm, Friday June 14, 1999. Any applicants returning their applications after this deadline will be rejected as applicants.
9. At time of application, applicants must sign a roster and show proof of valid drivers license. At which time a complete list of qualifications will be provided.
10. The City of Madison, Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
11. The City of Madison encourages minorities and females to apply.

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**BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

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**WE HAVE AN OPENING FOR GRAPHIC ARTIST**  
We need help we have a great production team and need someone to join us. This position requires 3-4 years experience with Quark, Photoshop and Illustrator. A degree for accuracy is a must. Other qualifications include scanning and color correction knowledge. Responsibilities include creating B/W, spot and 4-color ads. This is a great opportunity to work with graphics and electronic pre-press.  
SEND RESUME TO:  
Linda Hume  
216 Clayton Rd.  
Lombard, MO 62114  
or fax to 981-1084  
Attn: Creative Director  
1341-8323

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**MANAGER**  
Growing Cleaning Company is in need of experienced floor techs and carpet cleaners. Better than average starting salary and union benefits available. Must have clean police record. If interested call 314-694-6215 for more information.

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**PROMIS HOTEL CORP.**  
Searching for seasoned Banquet Manager, 3 yrs minimum exp. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits. Living quarters included. Training provided. Send resume to: #367 Journals, 1714 Deer Trails Trail, St. Louis, MO 63131.

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**INSIDE SALES**  
Full time salaried position with 90% of sales and 10% of commission. Heavy industrial equipment. Exc. benefits. Send resume to Personnel, P.O. Box 387, St. Louis, MO 63110. Fax: 314-532-5876.

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Reliable part time experienced dental receptionist. Must be able to type 40 WPM. Send resume to: Dr. Kathy and Scott Spangard, 923 Johnson Rd., Granite City, IL 62040, FAX 877-6330.

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**INDUSTRIAL/ASSEMBLY**  
Warehouse, Manufacturing  
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\$6.25 to \$7.50 per hour.  
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Arnold, MO 63010  
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**MANUFACTURING**  
Chesterfield based manufacturing company of nutritional products is seeking experienced sales representatives for several full time positions for 1st and 2nd shifts. We offer a competitive pay scale plus 2% commission on sales. We also offer an excellent benefits package. If you are interested, please send your resume to: Human Resources Office, 1001 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd., 440, Chesterfield, MO 63003. EOE M/F/D/V.

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**MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE**  
Asking Corporation is currently accepting applications for an entry level Marketing Representative. Must have a minimum of a high school diploma and be at least 18 years of age. The position is responsible for promoting and selling our products to the general public and using multiple media to reach the target market. The position is a full-time position with a competitive salary and benefits. For more information, please contact us at (618) 656-1081.

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**MECHANIC**  
Local trucking company seeking qualified, drug free individual for preventive maintenance and repair. Experience required. Job includes competitive pay, vacation, health and dental. 401K plan available. Call 800-284-8425.

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Experienced person with experience on Cummins/Detroit engines/light trucks. Must have own tools. Pay determined by experience. Health and dental. 401K plan available. Call 800-284-8425.

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Friendly, outgoing, good appearance, fast-paced variety good benefits. Health and dental. 401K plan available. Call 800-284-8425.

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F/T position available working in a Client Records Clerk in an outpatient mental health/substance abuse treatment facility in Granite City. Must have high school diploma or GED and 1 to 2 yrs. Experience working in medical records or related field. Good benefits. EOE. Send cover letter and resume to:  
MR Supervisor  
Chestnut Health Systems  
50 Northgate Ind. Dr.  
Granite City, IL 62040

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Applications for Certified Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Certified Nursing Assistants. Competitive salaries and benefits. Call 800-284-8425.

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Entry level position in a high energy major insurance office in Downtown St. Louis. Applicant must be friendly, outgoing, and have excellent communication skills, organized and able to work with a wide variety of people at all levels. MicroSoft Office experience is preferred. Please send resume including salary requirements to Receptionist, 701 Market Street, St. 1070, St. Louis, MO 63101.

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# Crossword Puzzle

**MOTHER'S DAY LARGESSE**

By FRANCES HANSEN

**ACROSS**

1 Letter from Mom

2 Three-time AL batting champion

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5 Kutz's word

6 Postpone

7 Presidential

8 Pupil

9 Sculptor's gift to Mom

10 Like a pike

11 Symbolic story

12 Anthony Quinn role

13 "The Day"

14 Longfellow

15 Frog genus

16 Musical pitches

17 Look of disdain

18 Helen Jackson heroine

19 Mothers one's way

20 Adds to

21 Been young and now

22 Placards

23 Baseball fan's gift to Mom

24 Actress hagen

25 Heavy weight

26 John of The Addams Family

27 Pre-Easter period

28 Alphabetical sequence

29 On the — quarrel

30 Wine-lover's gift to Mom

31 "Common Sense" author

32 They worry a lot

33 Manner or style of expression

34 Like a winding road

35 Precious stone

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37 Small car

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